



Neighborhood Watch Monthly Newsletter

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It's your community – Get involved!

Fireworks Safety & Regulations

Every year the Police and Fire Department are plagued with calls of illegal fireworks. Last year, as well as some previous years have shown that these fireworks have even lead to some property and life threatening fires. Sandy City has the following fireworks and safety regulations that you should follow to avoid trouble with the law or with causing a fire.

- Discharge fireworks in an area that has been cleared of all combustible material by a minimum of 25 feet in all directions.
- Keep an adequate method of extinguishment close at hand. This could be a garden hose, a fire extinguisher, a bucket of water, or a shovel and dirt.
- Ensure that all children are adequately supervised. It is unlawful to sell fireworks to any person under the age of 16 unless accompanied by an adult. Anyone under the age of 16 must have full adult supervision when involved with fireworks.
- Legal fireworks in the possession of minors (children under 16) may be turned over to a responsible adult if available. Fireworks must be taken if no adult is available to take responsibility.
- Use only fireworks that have been approved by the State Fire Marshals Office. Fireworks found at fireworks stands and other common retail stores in the State of Utah should have only approved fireworks. Fireworks purchased out of state may not be legal. The sale or discharge of non approved fireworks is unlawful. (Note: Fireworks that produce sparks or hot material that exceed 15 feet high or travel more than 10' laterally on a smooth surface are not approved and are illegal. Salutes, firecrackers, cherry bombs etc. are not approved fireworks.)
- Illegal fireworks must be confiscated.
- Discard used fireworks properly. Remember that even though they have gone out they can still be dangerous causing burns to people or become an ignition source and start a fire long after they were thought to be safe. Submerging spent fireworks material in a bucket of water until morning will ensure they are safe to discard.
- It is illegal to discharge fireworks in any city park.
- Personal fireworks are not permitted at the City Fourth of July celebration.
- It is legal to discharge fireworks three days prior to, on the day of, and three days following July 4, July 24, January 1, and the Chinese New Year.
- Misuse of legal fireworks or use of illegal fireworks is considered a violation of code # 8-1-1 or reckless burning #7-6-3 if a fire or explosion meets that criterion.
- Sale of fireworks requires a city business license and approval of the Fire Marshal's Office.

Bottle rockets, fire crackers, mortars and other illegal fireworks are responsible for many injuries and a tremendous amount of property damage each year. Using only approved fireworks and following common sense safety will avoid needless injuries and property loss. Also keep in mind that the minimum fine for a fireworks violation is \$500.00.

If you have any questions concerning fireworks or fire safety please contact us at 568-2938.

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Sandy City Offenses	Flat Iron	Canyon	Dimple Dell	Bluff	Auto Mall	South Towne	Jordan	Historic	Total
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	6
Alcohol Offenses	2	4	1	1	4	2	21	12	47
Animal Problems	5	2	4	2	2	1	3	6	25
Arson	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Burglary	6	14	3	0	10	0	7	16	56
Death Calls	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	7
Disorderly	1	3	0	0	3	2	7	9	25
Domestics	10	4	2	4	9	9	18	30	86
Drug Offenses	1	2	2	2	13	5	23	31	79
Forgeries & Frauds	4	2	0	1	5	3	4	4	23
Homicides	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Problems	6	1	5	4	10	8	9	17	60
Kidnappings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Property Offenses	18	18	3	6	28	8	22	31	134
Protective Orders	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Sex offenses	2	0	0	1	5	1	2	3	14
Simple Assault	4	4	2	2	5	6	12	32	67
Suspicious Calls	1	1	1	1	3	0	5	13	25
Theft	18	10	0	0	17	37	15	59	156
Threats	4	0	1	0	3	0	5	7	20
Traffic Crashes	18	11	4	2	26	23	52	40	176
Trespassing	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	10	14
Vehicle Burglary	2	3	4	3	4	4	33	15	68
Vehicle Theft	3	1	0	0	6	0	4	9	23
Warrant Service	4	1	0	1	6	6	14	26	58
Weapons Offense	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	3
Total	113	87	33	31	162	115	259	379	1,179

Flat Iron- 1300 E to the East border, North border to 9400 S; **Canyon-** 1300 E to the East border, 9400 S to the Gully; **Dimple Dell-** 1300 E to the East border, 10350 S to 11400 S; **Bluff-** 1300 E to the East border, 11400 S to South border; **South Towne-** West border to 1300 E, Gully to 10600 S; **Auto Mall-** West border to 1300 E, 10600 S to South border; **Historic-** West border to 1300 E, North border to 9000 S; **Jordan-** West border to 1300 E, 9000 S to the Gully

National Night Out Against Crime will be held on Tuesday, August 5th from 6:30-8:30 PM.
The last day to RSVP is Monday, July 21st. Don't miss out on this great event.
Contact Amy Bryant at 568-7200 today!